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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1966

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1966

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)	5,150
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1966	1,750
Rateable Value at 31st December 1966	£170,920
Net product of a penny rate	£645

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births: Legitimate	56	56	112
Illegitimate	3	2	5
Still Births: Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

				<u>Eng. & Wales 1966</u>	
Live Birth Rate:	Crude	22.7	Corrected	23.6	17.7
Death Rate	"	13.6	"	8.6	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	"	17.1			19.0

There was only one death of an infant under one year of age.

BARHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1966

GENERAL STATISTICS

2,250	Area (in acres)
2,150	Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)
1,750	Number of inhabited houses at end of 1966
470,920	Rateable Value at 31st December 1966
0.245	Not product of a penny rate

VITAL STATISTICS

Total	M	F	
112	56	56	Live Births: Registered
2	2	2	Unregistered
2	-	-	Still Births: Registered
-	-	-	Unregistered
<u>Dec. & Jan. 1966</u>			
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CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	2
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	10
Coronary disease, angina	5	4
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	4	4
Other circulatory disease	2	3
Pneumonia	3	4
Bronchitis	2	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>33</u>	<u>37</u>

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations of specimens from the area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and throat swabs	812
Faeces & urine	13
Blood	2

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1966

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 & over
Measles	-	-	2	-	1	4	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

Only one case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH		
Female	Male	
-	1	Tuberculosis, respiratory
-	2	Malignant neoplasms, stomach
1	1	Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus
1	-	Malignant neoplasms, breast
2	4	Other malignant and dysplastic neoplasms
1	-	Diabetes
10	2	Vascular lesions of nervous system
4	2	Coronary disease, angina
1	1	Hypertension with heart disease
4	4	Other heart disease
2	2	Other circulatory diseases
4	2	Pneumonia
1	2	Bronchitis
1	-	Other diseases of respiratory system
1	-	Congenital malformations
2	2	Other defined and ill-defined diseases
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Measles	-	-	2	-	1	4	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

Only one case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

<u>Water</u>	<u>Bacteriological</u>		<u>Chemical</u>	
Number of Samples taken for Analysis:-	By <u>U.D.</u>	By <u>Water Authority</u>	By <u>U.D.</u>	By <u>Water Authority</u>
(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply	3	52	-	52
(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of Samples taken:-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	1*	52	-	52

*Two samples arrived at laboratory too late for analysis.

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Practically 100% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public stand-pipes but in 5 cases taps are shared.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only houses not on the public supply. One could be connected to the main.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.2 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No extensions to sewers have been made except for private housing developments.

There were at the end of 1966, 12 houses not connected to the sewer but these are in isolated parts, including 4 farm houses. One house is capable of connection to main sewer. Extensive enlargement and modification of the sewage disposal works is projected. The sewage from the villages of Barleythorpe and Eggleton is also dealt with here.

An oil depot in the town allowed an overspill of more than 2,000 gallons of diesel oil to pass into the sewers during night hours. This was not discovered until next morning, by which time oil had passed through the works. The tanks, filters, etc. at the sewage works were cleansed by an emulsifying liquid applied by specialists employed by the oil firm. The cleansing at the works was satisfactory but some fish mortality was caused in the fish ponds into which the outfall discharges.

Closet Accommodation

There are no privies or pail closets and only one chemical closet. There is, therefore, no nightsoil collection.

Public Cleansing

Refuse Disposal is by tipping in a disused ironstone quarry $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the town between Wing and Pilton. The last ashpit in Oakham was abolished many years ago.

The Council use an 18/22 Cubic Yard (compressing) refuse collection vehicle acquired late in 1962, manned by a driver and 3 men. A seven day cycle of collections is being maintained.

Smoke

No serious complaints were received during the year. There are now no industrial chimneys.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water	Number of samples taken for analysis:-	By U.D.	By Water Authority	Chemical
(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply	5	52	-	52
(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of samples taken:-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	1	52	-	52

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are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These

are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public stand-

pipes but in a few cases taps are shared.

Two small houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only

houses not on the public supply. One would be connected to the main.

The minimum content of the water is less than 0.5 p.p.m. and the Council

decided in 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition

of fluorides to the water supply.

Sewerage and Waste Disposal

No sewerage system is in operation in the Urban District.

There are no

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to the town of Bury. Extensive arrangements for collection of the

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covered until next morning, by which time oil had passed through the works.

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liquid applied by specialists employed by the oil firm. The cleaning at the

works was satisfactory but some fish mortality was caused in the fish ponds

into which the oil was discharged.

Closed Accommodation

There are no private or public houses and only one chemical closet.

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Public Cleansing

Public cleansing is by tipping in a licensed brownstone quarry 5 1/2 miles from

the town between Wing and Pilsen. The last receipt in 1963 was 100 tons

many years ago.

The Council use an 18/22 (white) (compressing) refuse collection

vehicle acquired late in 1962, manned by a driver and 2 men. A seven day

cycle of collection is being maintained.

Smoke

No serious complaints were received during the year. There are now no

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Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received 62 (including 43 of rats and mice)
Total number of defects or nuisances
discovered arising out of complaints 57 (" " " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

<u>Nature of Inspection</u>	<u>No. of Inspections & Re-visits</u>
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	390
Tents, Vans, etc.	2
Food Premises	46
Dairies	2
Offensive Trades	-
Animal keeping	-
Factories, etc.	41
Shops and offices	67
Other premises	30

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act is separately reported on but is resulting in much improvement to sanitary provisions.

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st January 1966	3	1
Issued during the year	17	2
Complied with during year	17	2
Outstanding 31st December 1966	3	1
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding on 1st January 1966	11	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during year	9	-
Outstanding 31st December 1966	*2	-

*These outstanding cases relate to Demolition Orders where action is not complete, but the premises concerned were not occupied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council now has a contract with Ratsouris Ltd. for rat control. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of bed bugs came to notice.

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 Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints 27 (" " " " " ")

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<u>Nature of Inspection</u>	<u>No. of Inspectors & Re-visits</u>
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	330
Tents, Vans, etc.	2
Food premises	18
Public	2
Offensive trades	-
Animal keeping	-
Factories, etc.	41
Shops and offices	67
Other premises	30

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The Council now has a contract with Ratcatchers Ltd. for rat control. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town.

PREVENTION OF BED BUGS

No cases of bed bugs came to notice.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An open air swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is hired by the Council during the summer holidays. It has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use. Six inspections were made during the season.

A modern indoor pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for public use during school terms and out of school hours.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were three distributors and a milk vending machine and three premises registered. Four inspections of premises were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Ice-Cream

No ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but seventeen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 20

There is no slaughterhouse in the Urban District.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcases condemned	-	None
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	None

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises subject to the Regulations are as follows :-

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Complying with</u> <u>Reg. 16</u>	<u>No. to which</u> <u>Reg.19 applies</u>	<u>Complying</u> <u>with Reg.19.</u>
Butchers	6	5	6	5
Fishmonger	1	1	1	1
Grocers	12	12	12	12
Bread & Con.	4	4	2	2
Hotels & Licensed Premises	12	12	12	12
Works Canteens	2	2	2	2
School kitchens	4	4	4	4
Restaurants	2	2	2	2
Dairy shop, etc.	1	1	1	1
Greengrocers	4	3	-	-

Two contraventions were found and notices were served which were outstanding at the year end.

There is a busy street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It has rarely been found necessary to draw attention to breaches of the Regulations and the stall holders are generally ready to comply.

<u>Premises Registered Under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for</u>	
<u>Preparation of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies</u>	- 6
<u>Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips</u>	- 1

Disposal of Condemned Food

The small quantities involved were disposed of at the refuse tip.

The following foods were voluntarily surrendered as unfit:-

7 lb. tinned Fruit.
44 lb. Sausage
43 lb. Meat Pies.
10 lb. tinned Meats.

The sausage and meat pies were delayed in transit and unfit for consumption on arrival at retailers.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made :-	Nil
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Closing Orders made :-	-
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Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition or Clearance Orders:-	2
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Demolished without necessity of Demolition Order:-	1
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Occupied houses with operative Demolition or Closing orders:-	-
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Three houses were closed as a result of informal action pending purchase by the Council for redevelopment. No cases of overcrowding were known at the end of the year.

At the 31st December 1966 there were 242 applicants for Council houses, of which 129 were Oakham residents and the remaining 113 were from outside the district. Many of these work in Oakham.

The waiting list is longer than for some years. This could well be due to houses under construction on the Cold Overton Road estate being handed over to the Council. The fact of houses being allocated always seems to bring an influx of applications.

During the year 60 applicants were chosen for housing accommodation but not all were housed by the end of the year.

At the 31st December the Council owned 494 houses and flats, ten temporary bungalows and ten old houses in William Dalby Street, Westgate Street, Simper Street and Dean Street. Included in this latter ten are four which are unoccupied and are for demolition.

Work continued on the Cold Overton Road estate of 99 houses and at the end of the year 22 had been completed leaving 77 in various stages of completion.

All the Council's pre-war houses, 95 in number, have hot-water systems and washbasins, some have internal W.C's.

Most of the privately built houses were occupied by people from out of town. At the end of the year 82 houses for private occupation were under construction.

The Council declared a small area in the centre of the town to be an "Improvement Area". This comprised 40 dwellings of which 32 were improvable and of these 32, 24 were tenanted. The scheme has not had very good response, some of the tenants are old and unwilling to be disturbed but it is hoped that publicity may bring voluntary improvement to the houses. It is intended to demolish seven houses in the centre of the improvement area and re-develop by constructing old people's flats.

In various parts of the town, improvement grants have been made. Fourteen properties have been improved resulting in 12 baths, 12 wash hand basins, 13 hot water systems, 13 internal W.C's. and 3 foodstores being provided. Grant had been approved in one other case but the work had not been commenced at the end of the year.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years:-

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1957	8	2	10
1958	7	14	21
1959	2	-	2
1960	3	21	24
1961	15	21	36
1962	17	63	80
1963	38	8	46
1964	74	1	75
1965	93	6	99
1966	114	22	136
TOTAL:-	371	158	529

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	29	23	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	9	12	-	-
TOTAL	43	41	-	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prose- cutions were insti- tuted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relat- ing to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	-	-	-	-	-

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(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the local authority	29	27	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	9	12	-	-
TOTAL	43	45	-	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Found	Remedied To H.M. Inspector	Referred To H.M. Inspector	No. of cases in which defects were found	
				grossly dangerous	not dangerous
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:-	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unusable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to safety)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		Prose-cutions
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel Making, etc.	32	1	-	-	-	-
Plastic & Plastic articles	19	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	51	2	-	-	-	-

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133				Section 134	
	No. of out-workers in August list reported by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of out-workers in August list reported by Section 133 (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of persons taken for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	No. of notices served (6)
Wearing apparel, bedding, etc.	32	1	-	-	-	-
Plastic articles	19	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	51	2	-	-	-	-